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SUBJECT: SPASO HOUSE WALK-IN: SECOND SOVIET NOTE

REF: MOSCOW 13311

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED MFA NOTE, IN NORMAL MFA MAIL RUN EVENING OF OCTOBER 21, RESPONDING TO OUR NOTE OF SEPTEMBER 30 REGARDING THE SPASO HOUSE WALK-IN INCIDENT. TEXT FOLLOWS (COPY WILL BE POUCHED TO EUR/SOV):
BEGIN TEXT. NO. 68/OSSHA. THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE USSR, REFERRING TO THE EMBASSY'S NOTE NO. 1388 OF SEPTEMBER 31, 1976, STATES THAT THE EXPLANATIONS OF THE EMBASSY IN CONNECTION WITH THE DETENTION OF A SOVIET CITIZEN ON THE TERRITORY OF THE RESIDENCE OF THE US AMBASSADOR IN MOSCOW ARE ENTIRELY UNSATISFACTORY ("POLNOST'YU NEUDOVLETVORITEL'NYMI"). AS REGARDS THE OTHER ASSERTIONS CONTAINED IN THE EMBASSY'S NOTE, THEY CANNOT BE ACCEPTED AND CAN ONLY BE CONSIDERED AS AN ATTEMPT TO DEPART FROM THE ESSENCE OF THE MATTER, AS SET FORTH IN THE MINISTRY'S NOTE NO. 60 OF SEPTEMBER 21, 1976.
IN CONNECTION WITH THE ABOVE, THE MINISTRY CONFIRMS THAT WHICH WAS STATED IN ITS NOTE OF SEPTEMBER 21.
MOSCOW, OCTOBER 21, 1976 END TEXT
2. WE SEE NO OVERWHELMING REASON TO RESPOND TO THIS LATEST NOTE, BUT IF IT IS CONSIDERED DESIRABLE TO REASSERT OUR POSITION FOR THE RECORD, WE WOULD RECOMMEND A BRIEF ROUTINE NOTE REITERATING THAT THE
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FACTS WERE AS STATED IN OUR PREVIOUS NOTE AND EXPRESSING INCOMPREHEN-

SION WHY THE MINISTRY COMPOUNDS THE ILL BEHAVIOR OF ITS REPRESENTA-
TIVES AT THE TIME BY MISREPRESENTING THE FACTS. PLEASE ADVISE.
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